

# ARKANSAS BROILER HATCHERY



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## ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS UP 2 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

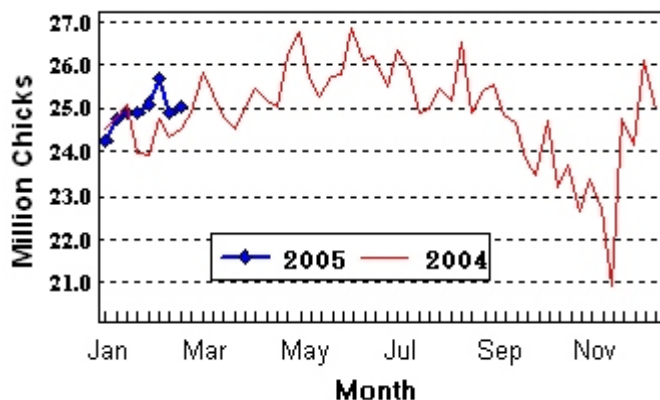
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 25.1 million during the week ending February 19, 2005. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week in 2004, and up 1 percent from the previous week, and included 3.0 million chicks shipped in from other states.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 25.9 million, up 1 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, and up fractionally from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 3.6 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 83.6 percent.

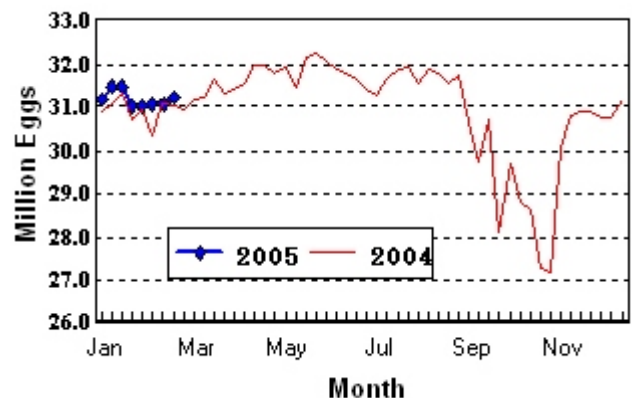
Arkansas hatcheries set 31.2 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending February 19, 2005, up 1 percent from the same period last year, and up slightly from the previous week.

Week Ending	NET PLACEMENTS			CHICKS HATCHED			EGGS SET		
	2004	2005	% Change	2004	2005	% Change	2004	2005	% Change
	<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>		
Jan. 15	25,101	24,886	99	25,677	25,873	101	31,324	31,506	101
Jan. 22	23,982	24,907	104	25,486	25,852	101	30,728	30,998	101
Jan. 29	23,910	25,119	105	25,719	26,145	102	30,944	31,023	100
Feb. 5	24,766	25,702	104	25,821	26,367	102	30,374	31,088	102
Feb. 12	24,386	24,929	102	25,491	25,911	102	31,055	31,083	100
Feb. 19	24,508	25,078	102	25,694	25,934	101	31,033	31,217	101

CHICKS PLACED IN ARKANSAS, 2004-2005



EGGS SET, 2004 - 2005



**BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 19 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2005**

STATE	EGGS SET (in Thousands)					CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending				1/ %	Week Ending						1/ %
	29-Jan	05-Feb	12-Feb	19-Feb		15-Jan	22-Jan	29-Jan	05-Feb	12-Feb	19-Feb	
Alabama	30,340 *	30,003	29,976	30,075	101	21,279	21,188	20,840	21,150 *	21,630	21,582	103
ARKANSAS	31,023	31,088	31,083	31,217	101	25,886	24,907	25,119	25,702	24,929	25,078	102
Delaware	3,898	3,916	3,929	3,927	102	6,111	5,353	5,294	5,402	5,314 *	5,222	102
Florida	1,368 *	1,332	1,343	1,359	100	1,554	1,525	1,638	1,500	1,500	1,540	78
Georgia	33,689 *	33,908	33,521	33,448	100	26,659	27,060	26,864	27,067	26,377	26,820	103
Kentucky	7,056	7,175	7,237	7,226	102	5,476	6,090	6,139	6,246	6,347 *	6,034	108
Louisiana	3,984	3,984	4,044	4,044	106	3,843	3,819	4,025	3,915	3,830	3,814	109
Maryland	8,584	8,882	8,900	8,947	101	4,624	5,299	4,194	5,319	4,745 *	5,514	104
Mississippi	19,770	19,693	19,558	19,465	101	17,195	17,012	17,634	17,559	18,184	17,890	108
N. Carolina	18,376 *	18,278	18,623	18,651	100	14,989	14,465	14,411	14,540	14,668	14,893	106
Oklahoma	6,511	6,453	6,467	6,306	97	5,537	4,481	4,783	5,165	5,258	5,065	116
Pennsylvania	4,001	4,060	4,065 *	4,051	110	2,864	2,987	2,909	2,963	2,878 *	3,017	121
S. Carolina	4,956	5,142	5,316	5,180	138	4,011	4,134	3,854	4,152	4,722	4,560	110
Texas	15,209	15,107	15,131	15,202	101	12,734	12,460	12,640	11,659	12,813	12,766	104
Virginia	6,542	6,496	5,980	6,424	100	5,252	5,660	5,703	4,826	5,385	5,220	106
CA,MO,TN,WV	17,499	17,995	18,379 *	17,833	103	15,719	16,209	15,264	15,775	17,003 *	16,491	105
Total 2005	212,806 *	213,512	213,552 *	213,355		173,733	172,649	171,311	172,940 *	175,583 *	175,506	
Total 2004	204,460	206,642	208,421	209,844		166,529	165,515	168,098	168,937	167,265	167,390	
%Prev. Year	104	103	102	102		104	104	102	102	105	105	
Approximate Marketing Date 2005.....						05-Mar	12-Mar	19-Mar	26-Mar	02-Apr	09-Apr	

\* Revised . 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

**EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 2 PERCENT**

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-state weekly program set 213 million eggs during the week ending February 19, 2005. This was up 2 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 84 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

**BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 5 PERCENT**

Broiler growers in the 19-state weekly program placed 176 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 19, 2005. Placements were up 5 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2005 through February 19, 2005 were 1.22 billion, up 4 percent from the same period a year earlier.